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La Porte Animal Adoption Center to open this week



La Porte's new centrally-located Animal Adoption Center and Shelter will officially open on February 20th, at which time residents are advised that 4th street shelter operations will cease. The official opening of the contemporary-style Center marks a new chapter for pet and animal services in the City. The new facility is located at 10901 Spencer Highway, and the 4300 square foot structure replaces the 1900 square foot animal shelter that was constructed in 1987.

The new facility will focus strongly on animal adoptions and placement, and with the ease of access and visibility of the geographically centralized location, the City hopes to even further increase their adoption rate, along with providing a better home for the animals in its care. A large video sign, which will display shelter animals currently available for adoption, is scheduled to be installed on Spencer Highway in front of the Center later this month. The sign was graciously sponsored by Gringo's Mexican Café and the La Porte Municipal Airport.

An open invitation is extended to all citizens concerning a public open house event set for March 14th, 2015. The open house event will take place from 11:00am to 3:00pm and there will be a moonwalk for kids, face painting, soda, popcorn, giveaways, and area businesses will also have exhibits. Animals will also be available for adoption at the event.

La Porte City staff are quick to recognize the various sponsors, without whom the facility certainly would not have been such a success. Community donations to help with the \$1.1 million facility exceeded \$90,000, plus approximately \$12,000 in additional in-kind contributions. Community donors, listed in alphabetical order, include: Maggie Anderson, Tim

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Citizens are encouraged visit the new Adoption Center and consider taking their new best friend home. For more information on the new adoption center and shelter, or any of La Porte's Animal Control operations, please contact Supervisor Clarence Anderson at 281-471-3700.